

Wisconsin Food Stamp Program At a Glance

All data is for (or as of) the month of April, 2003¹

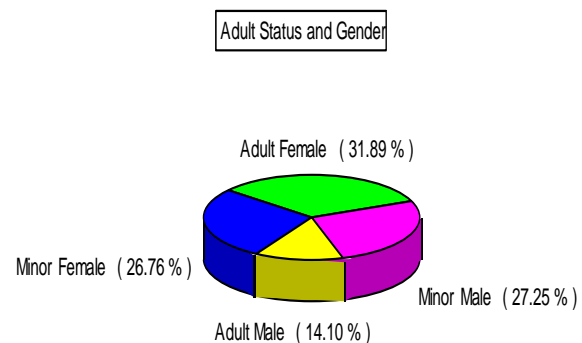
Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 5.5% of the 5.4 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.² On average from 1998 - 2000, 8.8% of the state population was at or below the federal poverty rate.³

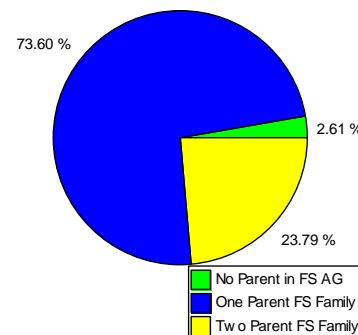
- **Assistance Groups**

(AGs)/Individuals: 120,396

Assistance groups are made up of 299,591 individuals. The number of AGs continues to increase at a steady rate. There are an average of 2.5 people in an AG.



- **Gender:** 59% of the recipients are female and 41% are male.
- **Adults/Minors:** 46% are adults while 54% are minors. 59.8% of AGs have minors in them.
- **Minors and Their Parents:** Of the AGs that contain minors, 73.6% have one parent in the AG, 23.8% have two parents, and 2.6% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological or adoptive parent.
- **Parents That Are Minors:** 1,043 minors in 1,019 FS AGs are parents. That's 1/3 of 1 percent of the individuals that receive FS.

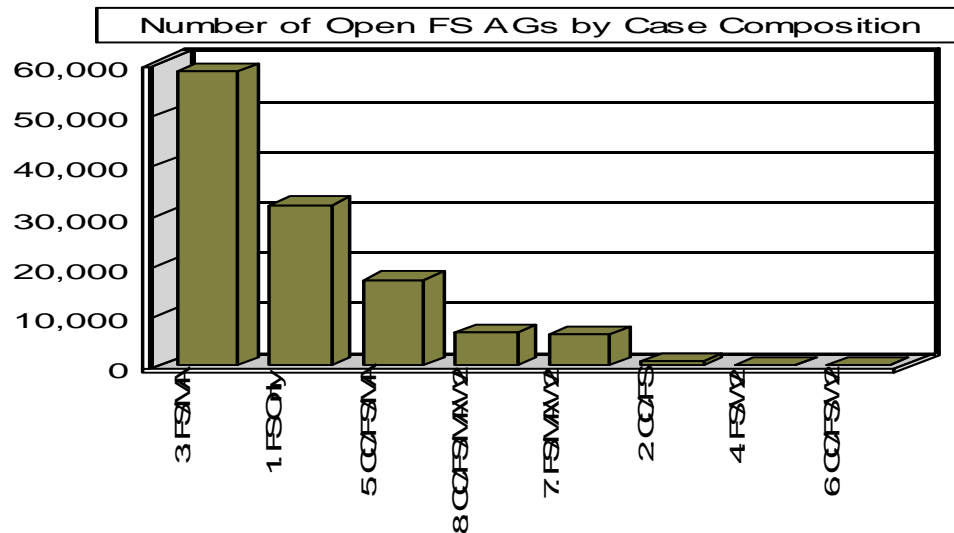


¹ Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

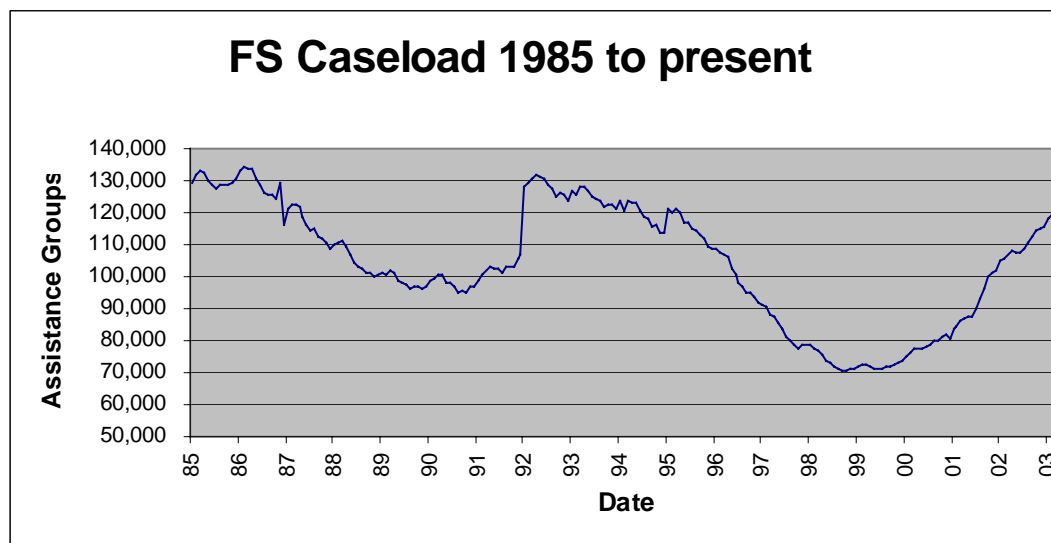
² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

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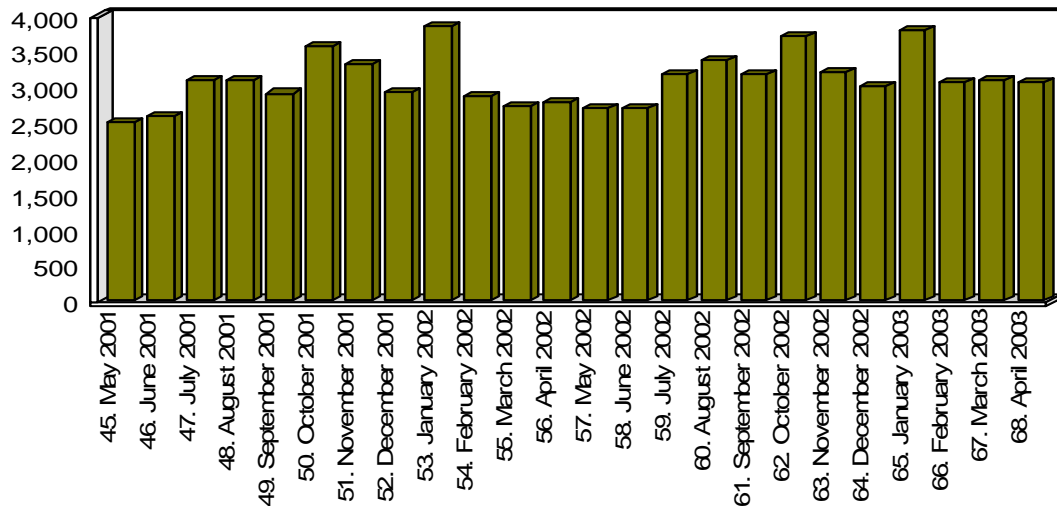
- **Case Composition:** The graph on the right shows other types of CARES issued assistance that a FS AG receives.



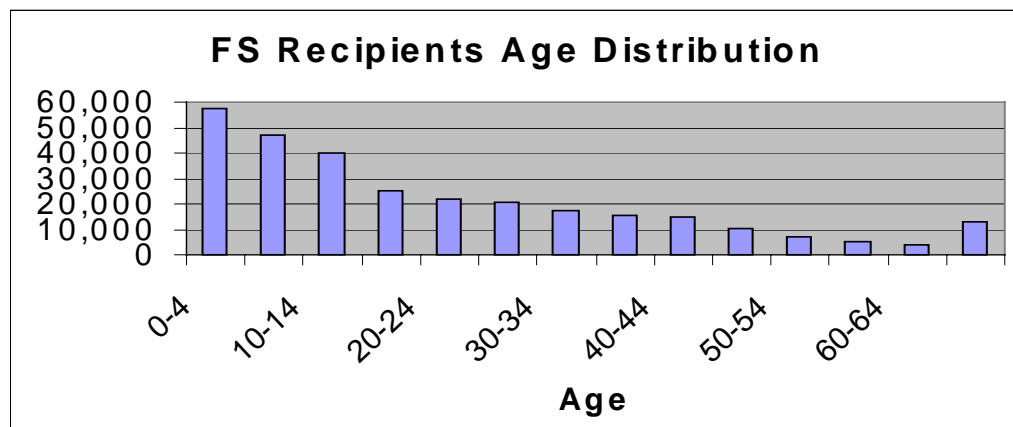
- **Historical Caseload Trend:** The statewide caseload had been increasing at a steady rate since September of 1999.



- First Time FS Recipients:** This chart shows the number of first-time FS assistance groups over the last 2 years. Only AGs that have never received FS in Wisconsin before the month shown appear in this chart. For April 2003, 3,060 FS AGs received FS for the first time.

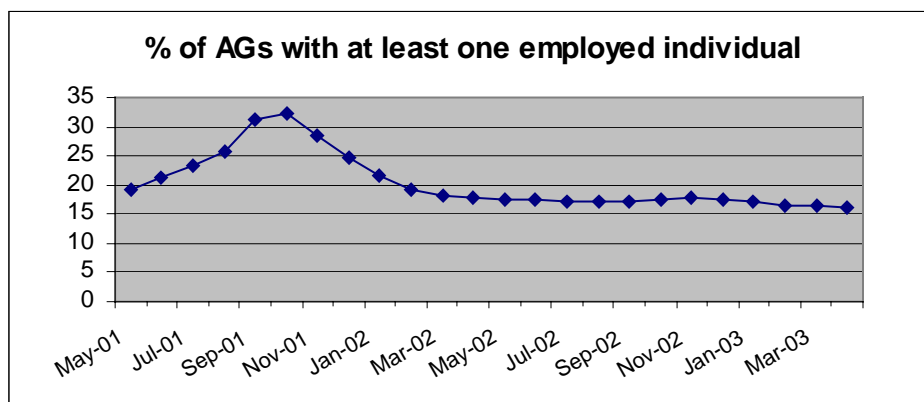


- Age Distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in ranges of 5 years. The largest age group is comprised of children under age 4 comprising nearly 20% of recipients. 55% are 18 and under.



- Elderly/Disabled:** 16.6% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 40.6% of AG's contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled.

- **Work/Earnings:** 16.2% of the AGs have at least one person working. This is a decrease of .1% from last month. The average monthly earned income of those AGs' is \$965, the same as last month.⁴ 33% of adult FS recipients are employed, slightly fewer than last month. Currently, the unemployment rate in Wisconsin is 5.4%, .1% less than last month.⁵



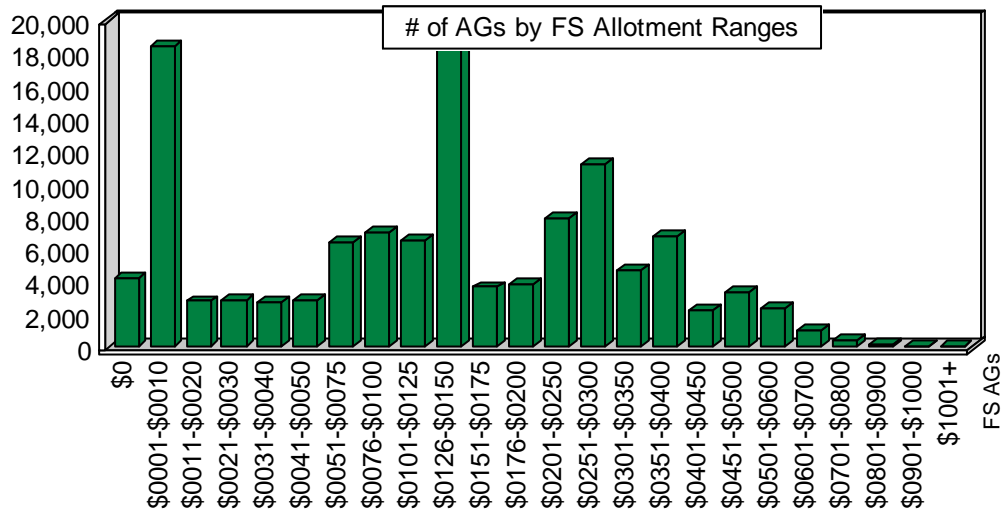
- **Working Families:** A "working family" is defined as a FS AG that contains at least one minor, at least one parent of a minor, and at least one employed recipient. This is an attempt to explore those FS recipients that have children and are working. Working families make up 27.7% of the statewide FS AGs, average 3.7 persons per AG, and average \$1,124 in earned income per month. Other stats are available in the figure below.

Parent in FS AG	FS AGs	Unduplicated FS Recipients	AG Earned Income Amt	Avg. Earned Income per AG	AG Unearned Income Amt	Avg. Unearned Income per AG	FS Allotment Amt - FTM	Avg. Allotment per AG
One Parent FS Family	23,600	75,842	\$24,839,695.60	\$1,052.53	\$4,703,312.21	\$199.29	\$3,969,927.00	\$168.22
Two Parent FS Family	9,762	46,753	\$12,677,508.49	\$1,298.66	\$2,120,506.49	\$217.22	\$2,494,224.00	\$255.50
Sum:	33,362	122,595	\$37,517,204.09		\$6,823,818.70	Sum:	\$6,464,151.00	

⁴ This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility for the allotment amount.

⁵ Source: DWD Labor Market Information at http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi/employ_civilianlaborForce.htm

- Allotments:** A total of \$19.9 million in food stamp benefits were allotted for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$165. The average allotment for AGs that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is \$99. However, 34.6% of the EBD AG's only receives between \$0 and \$10 in allotments. Allotments have increased an 18% in the last 12 benefit months.



- Statewide FS Allotments:** The graph on the right shows the total dollars in FS allotments spent on all FS AGs statewide for the past two years.

